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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

The Peoples Coalition for Peace and Justice held a Midwest regional conference in South Bend, Indiana on January 7-8. Those in attendance decided that four delegates from the Midwest region would be part of the delegation being sent to the Stockholm-Paris Peace Conference scheduled for February 11-13 at Paris. Two known members of this group are John Gilman, a Communist Party, USA leader from Wisconsin and Mareca Neagu, a CPUSA leader from Indiana. The delegation is scheduled to depart from Montreal, Canada, on February 9 and 10 via Aeroflot. This airline will also provide transportation for delegates to China and the Soviet Union subsequent to the Peace Conference.

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CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Asterisked items are either reported for the first time, or contain additions or changes to previously reported activities.

*12 January-8 February, Washington, D.C.

The Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington, D.C. is planning to conduct leafleting activities at the Soviet Art Festival which will be held at the Corcoran Art Gallery on the above dates.

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*13-16 January, Kansas City, Missouri

A nationwide interreligious movement called the "Ecumenical Witness" is under the sponsorship of 125 Protestant, Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Jewish leaders. Members of this group are concerned with the moral issues in the Indochina War and have gathered in front of the White House to pray for peace. Dr. Bilheimer, coordinator of the movement, has announced they will hold a national conference on the above dates.

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*19 January, Cleveland, Ohio

The Cleveland Area Peace Action Council and Youth Against War and Fascism (youth group of the Workers World Party, a

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Communist splinter group), will jointly sponsor a demonstration on the above date. The purpose of the demonstration is to protest Vice President Agnew's visit to Cleveland. Demonstration planners estimate between 50 and 100 persons will attend. *FILE IN 58390 7/10/72*

*19 January, Washington, D.C.

Members and sympathizers of the Irish Republican Army plan a demonstration in the downtown area of Washington on the above date. The purpose of the demonstration is to support Senator Edward Kennedy's resolution before Congress calling for withdrawal of British forces from Northern Ireland. *FILE IN 9/100 100271*

*20 January, Dorchester, Mass.

The Vietnam Veterans Against the War are reportedly urging persons to appear at the District Court on the above date where VVAW members are to be tried for barricading themselves recently in a U.S. Marine Corps recruiting office. *FILE IN 50830 7/10/72*

*24 January, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

The trial of the Rev. Philip F. Berrigan and seven other anti-war defendants in an alleged plot to kidnap Henry A. Kissinger and destroy government buildings, was postponed for another week. Federal Judge R. Dixon Herman granted the delay to consider defense motions for a change of venue to New York City and to challenge the government's method of jury selection. *FILE IN 50830 7/10/72*

The Harrisburg Defense Committee chapters in the U.S. have advised that during the upcoming Lenten period there will be 40 days of activities relating to the "Harrisburg 8" trial. Near the end of this 40-day period, caravans from various regions of the U.S. will proceed to Harrisburg to gain publicity for the defendants and to obtain funds for their defense. *FILE IN 50830 7/10/72*

*26 January, Detroit, Michigan

The Michigan Committee to Free Angela Davis and the Young Workers Liberation League (youth organization of the Communist Party, USA) have announced a joint drive to make January 26 (Angela Davis's birthday), Angela Day. The two groups are calling on the mayor and city council of Detroit to declare the date for Angela Davis Day and make public facilities available. Students of different high schools have agreed to participate and will circulate a petition for Angela Davis Day and solicit bail for Angela. *Participated 9/10/72*

*31 January, San Jose, California

The trial of Angela Davis, an avowed Communist who is accused

of having provided weapons used in the shootout at the Marin County Courthouse in August 1970, is presently scheduled to commence on the above date. Demonstrations can be expected, but there is no indication that violent activity is planned. *July 7 2280 71*

*1-2 February, Cape Kennedy, Florida

Dr. Carl McIntire, fundamentalist minister who has led rallies to demand immediate victory in Vietnam recently announced the formation of a new organization called American Christian Action Council, which will be a new legal action group for conservatives and Christians. The group will hold its national convention at a Florida site owned by McIntire on the above date. *July 10 4 58 71 2280 71*

*4 February, New York City

The trial is scheduled to begin on the above date for Leslie Bacon who is charged with conspiring with six other persons to bomb a Manhattan bank. Miss Bacon was arrested in Washington, D.C. last April as a material witness in an alleged plot to bomb the U.S. Capitol Building; however, a federal appeals court later ruled she was illegally arrested in that case. *was a just 3/4/72*

18-21 February, New York City

The CPUSA has issued a pamphlet which presents in preliminary form the major social and political issues to be considered at the 20th National Convention to be held on the above dates. The document reflects the following several points: that a majority of Americans want to end the war in Indochina; the establishment of the Peoples Coalition for Peace and Justice is an important development toward the unification of the peace movement and; the Trotskyite group, the National Peace Action Coalition, is the deadly enemy of unity in the fight for peace. Convention delegates in order to strengthen the national party will consider: the extension of intermediate organizational forms to all areas of struggle; the publicizing of the 1972 Communist Presidential ticket (Gus Hall and Jarvis Tyner); higher standards of membership and leadership; increasing the speed of training and promotion of cadre and the education of the membership; ways of doubling the membership of the Party and; methods to give assistance in the building of the Young Workers Liberation League. The Communist Party in Michigan has launched a petition campaign for 20,000 signatures by May 1 to place the Party on the ballot in the 1972 elections.

* The Daily World, the Communist Newspaper, has made frequent recent reference to the 20th convention but has not given the location where it will be held. It is assumed it will be located in New York City.

*March-August, Nationwide

The Youth International Party (YIP), the militant hippie group which has been under the past leadership of Abbie Hoffman and Jerry Rubin, held a conference at Madison, Wisconsin on January 7-9. A conference spokesman told the press that Hoffman and Rubin have been removed from their leadership positions and from YIP membership because of their "recent discriminative elitist activities." Yippies interviewed after their conference also announced to the press that they are planning the following activities:

March 18-26--A nationwide voter registration drive which they will call "Spring Freekweek."

May 1-2--In each state capitol a marijuana smoke-in will be conducted to protest the anti-marijuana law to be followed by marches to local area prisons.

July 1-3--A National Tribal Conference to be held at Washington.

July 4--A marijuana smoke-in will be held at the Washington Monument and followed by a march to the U.S. Capitol.

July 27--The National Che Gueverra "Appreciation Day" will take place at Miami Beach, Florida to express solidarity with the Cuban struggle for liberation.

July 27-31--Demonstrations will be conducted to show politicians that unless the demands of youth are met the 1972 Presidential election will be boycotted.

August 1-20--A "grapes of wrath" caravan will proceed to San Diego.

August 21-24--Demonstrations to be held in San Diego.

Additional details will be reported as they become available.

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*14 or 17 April, Nationwide

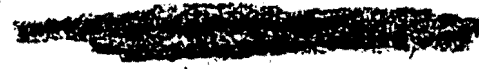
The War Resisters League and the War Tax Resistance have agreed they will jointly sponsor demonstrations at the Internal Revenue Service centers in major cities across the country on either April 14 or 17. These demonstrations are to be known as "R-Day" and stand for resist, refuse, and reform. They have also discussed the possibility of establishing a "Revolution City" at the Republican National Convention in San Diego. The Revolution City would be similar to the "Resurrection City" which was established in Washington, D.C. several years ago.

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15 April, Nationwide

The Peoples Coalition for Peace and Justice has designated the

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above date, Tax Day, for demonstrations throughout the country against the war and its tax burden. The character of their actions are to be determined early this year by a newly elected interim leadership committee.

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*16-22 April, New York City

The National Peace Action Coalition has announced plans for their spring offensive to be held in New York City during the above period and a West Coast city which is to be chosen at a later date. The theme of the demonstration reportedly will be the same as that of the past demonstrations: End the war in Vietnam, withdrawal of all troops and cessation of the bombing. Stephanie Coontz, a NPAC coordinator, stated she had recently met with North Vietnamese delegates in Paris and had been told that the North Vietnamese wholly support NPAC efforts.

Project Air War, a Washington group whose sole purpose is to make the U.S. military look bad, has agreed to furnish information to NPAC for publicity purposes.

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*28-30 April, 1 May, Chicago

Jarvis Tyner, national chairman of the Young Workers Liberation League, youth group of the CPUSA, and vice presidential candidate on the Communist Party ticket has announced that the YWLL will hold its first convention since its founding (February 1970) on the above dates. A draft resolution evaluating the work of YWLL developments among youth during the last two years, and projections for work in the future will be circulated among the membership for further refinement. The theme of the draft resolution will be how to build a mass united youth front in the shops, communities, high schools, college campuses and among soldiers and veterans. Tyner stated that the priorities of these united youth front movements must be freedom for Angela Davis, an end to the war, and defeat of President Nixon's economic offensive. International guests invited to the convention include representatives of the World Federation of Democratic Youth, of which YWLL is the U.S. affiliate, and the International Union of Students and their world affiliates. There will also be guests invited from organizations and movements in the U.S. Plans are being made for a major May Day rally during the convention.

*July, Miami Beach, Florida

The Peoples Party, (as well as the Coalition of Peace and Freedom, and reportedly other minor political parties) will hold its national nominating convention a few days after the close of the Democratic National Convention in mid-July. The Peoples Party has nominated Dr. Benjamin

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Snock, pediatrician and peace activist as a stand-in Presidential candidate and Julius Hobson, a former Washington, D.C. school board official for Vice President, pending a convention decision. Representatives of the Peoples Party are trying to negotiate an agreement with the three television networks to cover its deliberations. Senator Eugene McCarthy has stated that his supporters may rent a hall in Miami Beach to be used for caucuses of delegates committed to him. McCarthy has hinted that he may walk out of the Democratic Convention and run as a candidate for a new party. So far, he has not indicated any desire to unite with the Peoples Party. Reportedly, the Peoples Party national chairman, Charles Briody, intends to meet with Senator McCarthy later this month to discuss plans.

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